Charlie Austin-Groome.

Barrister • Year of call Call: 2021



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What others say:

"One of the most accomplished junior barristers I have ever had the pleasure of briefing!"

"... courteous, hard-working, detail orientated and unafraid... he has secured excellent results through his hard work, intellect and dedication to the case."

"It is rare to see such dedication and fight, in one so young."

Practice Profile

Charlie specialises in the defence and prosecution of cases involving serious assault, sexual offences and confiscation matters in addition to general crime. Regularly instructed in complex cases well beyond his call, Charlie leaves no stone unturned in his preparation. He is known for putting in the extra mile.

Prior to life at the Criminal Bar, Charlie worked as a criminal paralegal at a leading London firm of solicitors. He was directly involved in the preparation of serious criminal cases. In addition to his own case load of general crime matters, Charlie spent many months assisting with the preparation of materials and argument on behalf of a number of clients represented by the firm in the Grenfell Inquiry.

Qualifications

- 2016-2019, Law LLB, University of Birmingham
- 2020-2021, Bar Practice Training Course at BPP - Very Competent
- Attained the second highest mark for criminal advocacy at BPP countrywide (2020)

Memberships

- Nursing and Midwifery Council Approved Counsel
- CPS General Crime Advocate Panel - Level 3

Present and Recent

Instructions

- **R v E and Others –** Led junior in a 9 week international drug importation conspiracy. The case involved complex expert evidence as well as several thousands of pages of banking and phone data. After successful legal argument before the close of the prosecution case, the Judge directed Not Guilty verdicts.
- **R v D and D –** Sole defence trial counsel for the second defendant charged with intimidation on a murder indictment. The jury acquitted the second defendant.
- **R v B and E -** Prosecuted a joint enterprise stabbing. Following trial, both defendants were convicted of section 18 causing grievous bodily harm with intent.
- **R v F and Others –** Instructed as defence junior in a four month trial involving a multi-million-pound smuggling operation.
- **R v A –** Currently instructed to defend an individual accused of oral rape and sexual assaults.
- **R v H, B and H -** Represented the first defendant on a three handed charge of affray. After a seven-day trial, the defendant was found not guilty.
- **R v N –** Currently instructed to defend a client charged with multiple rapes.
- **R v A -** Prosecuted at trial a section 18 offence of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. The jury returned a guilty verdict.
- **R v P -** Represented a client charged with wounding. After a four-day trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict.
- **R v K –** Defended at trial a man accused of sexual assault. He was found Not Guilty after a week long trial.
- **R v M -** Sole prosecution counsel in a two-week trial at the Old Bailey. The case involved 23 historic allegations of violent and sexual offences. Guilty verdicts were returned on all counts. The defendant was found dangerous at sentence.
- **R v L -** Instructed at trial to defend in a four-week conspiracy to defraud

involving 16 defendants. Charlie represented the first defendant in the second trial listing. The defendant was found not guilty.

- **R v T –** Instructed on a private basis to represent a professional athlete at sentence. The Court imposed a community order despite the offence attracting a starting point of custody.